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The Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and preserve the natural resources of the planet Earth, and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, land, forest, and wildlife.

The Factor GMO Research Project

A Russian group is working with scientists to launch **the world's largest and most comprehensive three-year** study that will involve scientists testing thousands of rats to establish long-term health effects of a diet developed by AMERICA's seed and chemical company, *Monsanto*.

According to *Elena Sharoykina* with the *Russian National Association for Genetic Safety (NAGS)*, *Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)* were introduced, there have been many thousands of studies conducted, but the problem is that most of these studies were conducted by the same companies that develop the GMOs.

The *Sysin Research Institute of Human Ecology and Environmental Health* is part of the RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH. Their Deputy Science Director, *Oxana Sinitsyna*, is one of the three scientists on the FACTOR GMO study's review board.

Biology Professor *Bruce Blumberg* with the *University of California, Irvine, USA*, is the second board member of the study.

Fiorella Belpoggi, a Cancer Specialist with the *Ramazzini Institute* in ITALY is the third Board Member.

The names of funders and sponsors will be made known when the research experiment starts in 2015. It will be conducted in WESTERN EUROPE and in RUSSIA. \$25 million has already been raised by the organizers.

The Factor GMO research project aims to **conclusively determine** if *Monsanto's Roundup Ready Corn* causes birth defects, cancers, and reduced fertility. They aim to also establish which is more toxic, or less toxic, than the other--the chemical cocktail in *Roundup* or the active *Glyphosate* ingredient in *Roundup*.

(Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/nov/11/largest-international-study-into-safety-of-gm-food-launched-by-russian-ngo>; info@biosafetyalliance.org, date November 12, 2014)

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Vote Passes for NATIONAL BANS on GMO Crops

Daryl Hannah, Robert Kennedy, Susan Sarandon, along with other celebrities, announced the FACTOR GMO research project in *London, ENGLAND*.

Michael Meacher, former Labour Environment Minister and Tory MP *Zac Goldsmith* delivered the letter to *Downing Street*. It was signed by **USA environmental groups representing over 50 million people**, informing BRITAIN that the intensive growing of GMO crops *has* caused major environmental problems in the USA.

Britain's *Soil Association's* Policy Director, *Peter Melchett* agreed that it has been a scientific fraud that no scientific study like the FACTOR GMO project had been done in the past and he is glad about it. So is *Greenpeace's* Chief Scientist *Doug Parr*.

The next day Britain's Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) passed their vote to allow national bans on GMO crops for environmental reasons.

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Britain's Rothamsted Institute

The *Rothamsted Institute* in the UNITED KINGDOM (UK) specializes in agricultural research, where Research Scientist, *Professor Huw Jones*, holds that *Rothamsted* is the only UK Institute currently carrying out a GMO crop trial.

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Skepticism on the Biofortified Website

Public Research Geneticist, *Karl Haro von Mogel*, opined that the Factor GMO research puts the cart before the horse. To which a person might reply, "*No one can talk to a horse, of course.*"

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Dr. Margaret Hamburg

Dr. Margaret Hamburg is the top health official in the *United States of America (USA)*. She is the FOOD AND DRUG (FDA) Commissioner. Her FDA Administration went ahead and approved the pain killer, ZOHYDRO, *against the recommendation of the FDA's own medical advisers!*

According to a letter that has been released, over a dozen groups have demanded the *Obama Administration* replace the imprudent *Ms. Hamburg*. She is in hot water now.

(Source: September 25, 2014, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, “*News of the Day from Across the Nation*”)

Kevin Trudeau’s Case

The Journal of the *American Medical Association* recently reported that, in a nationwide survey, 37 percent of the American People agree with author *Kevin Trudeau* that the FDA suppresses natural cures because of drug company pressure. The author has sold five million copies of his book, *Natural Cures They Don’t Want You to Know About*.

Apparently the author’s free speech infuriated *John Swartzberg M.D.* He is Chair of the Editorial Board for the WELLNESS LETTER at the *University of California, Berkeley*. *Dr. Swartzberg* is upset because *Trudeau* believers are more likely to use herbal supplements and avoid conventional medicines.

Over the years the *Federal Trade Commission* (FTC) banned *Mr. Trudeau* from marketing, and fined him millions of dollars, which *Trudeau* couldn’t pay. And now a *United States of America District Judge* has sentenced author *Kevin Trudeau* to 10-years in prison for his **TV infomercials**. *Mr. Trudeau* wants to appeal the verdict.

But *Dr. Swartzberg* published a statement that it is *true* that medical doctors and researchers are not always right, some studies turn out to be flawed, medical guidelines often need revision, many drugs do have serious side effects, we all need to ask questions, we all need to quiz our doctors about the advice they give, and we all need to keep up with medical and nutritional advances, as well as medical failures -- *so that we can buy out of Mr. Trudeau’s ideas and products*.

(Source: July 2014, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY WELLNESS LETTER News and Expert Advice from the school of Public Health, Volume 30, Issue 13, “*Shhhh, ‘they’ don’t want you to know about this, but...*”, by John Swartzberg M.D. Chair, Editorial Board ; www.BerkeleyWellness.com)

What Gives

In COLORADO the *Right to Know* campaign played right into the hands of Monsanto and their allies. Try to resist curiosity over that one.

In OREGON Monsanto and their allies’ blocked consumers’ *Right to Know* by tying up the airwaves with out-of-state Big Money **TV infomercials** that utilized the emotional blackmail threat that it would cost too much to label food *Produced by Genetic Engineering*. *How fraudulent that Monsanto and their allies leave out the hidden cost consumers have paid for environmental and human health losses*.

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The tacit warrant implied by TV Infomercials was that voters would be punished if they didn't vote NO, because grocer manufacturers might raise food prices. It felt like manipulative consumer fraud, but apparently infomercial bullying went unnoticed by the state *Attorney General* while voters were cowed.

Let's Talk Trillions

The *Food and Drug Administration* (FDA) unleashed *Genetically Modified Organisms* (GMOs) into food without requiring any evidence of *long-term* safety of letting food *Produced by Genetic Engineering* feed **trillions of lives**. Disease-care in the USA has skyrocketed into **trillions of dollars** during the decades since.

Let's Talk About Missing the Mark

Since federal regulators have adopted "*Politically Correct*" language, the word, "*Sin*", seems is an archaic word in Webster's unabridged dictionary and the Holy Bible. But the etymology of the word simply means , "*To miss the mark*". Can we take a spiritual digression for just a minute please.

The OREGON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES endorsed YES ON MEASURE 92. Pretend you just saw a sign that read, "*Detour Ahead*" and keep reading.

Would you agree that Greed is missing the mark. According to the Good Book, greed is one of the *Seven Deadly Sins*. In other words Profiteers don't *love* you. They love profits. They love patents. They may even love drug and hospital *bills*. Follow the money trail.

Peer-reviewed and published data on the hazards of GMOs and their herbicides is long-overdue. Let's talk about the *Sin of Neglect*.

The use of herbicides has increased dramatically because of GMO crops. Let's talk about the *Sin of Commission*.

President Obama has yet to keep his original campaign promise to get GMO foods labeled in the U.S.A. Let's talk about the *Sin of Omission*.

Let There Be Light

The symbol of our nation is the *Eagle* , but a bird cannot fly with just one wing. AMERICA could use a little more *balance* between materialism and spirituality. The word "*God*" means "*Self-Sustaining*". Whatever wrecks havoc to Nature's great equilibrium is something other than the *Best Case Scenario* in the *Field of All Possibility*.

It may be possible in the *Field of All Possibility* to undo much of the Genetically Engineered damages . But if a person lives in a food dessert, then *move*. One may have to move far enough. One could move across the country or to a healthier nation.

Simplify Your Lifestyle

“Live Simply so that others may simply live.”

--Ed Begley Jr.

Grandmothers and others you may want to read and discuss *How to Get Out of Debt, Stay out of Debt & Live Prosperously*, by Jerold Mundis or join a *Debtors Anonymous* support group in order to free yourself to live more simply.

Now might be a good time to think about where you could grow some food on a patio deck or in your yard. And when you see the documentary film, *SYMPHONY OF THE SOIL*, you are in for a grounding experience.

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